

**Howard County's Local Children's Board**  
**Strategic Planning**  
**5/23/17**

**Attendees**

√	Maura Rossman, HD	√	Bitia Dayhoff, CAC	√	Charmayne Anderson, Community
√	Kelly Cimino, DHCD	√	Dawn Duignan, Community	√	Louis Valenti, MSDE
√	Karen Butler, DSS		Restia Whitaker, HCPSS (ex)	√	Gary Gardner, HCPD
	Dario Broccolino, (excused)		Tim Madden, DJS (excused)		Edisa Padder, Community (excused)
√	John Byrd, DRP	√	Jackie Scott, DCRS		
√	Madeline Morey, HCMHA	√	Erica Byrne, Voices for Children		

*Staff:* Sucora Best, Kim Eisenreich, Kori Jones, Marsha Dawson

*Public Attendees:* Cheryl Mattis, DCRS; Carl Delorenzo, County Admin; Ayesha Holmes, Grass Roots; Bob DeAnglelis, HCPSS

**Meeting was called to order at 3:15.**

**Welcome and introductions made.**

**Strategic Plan Update**

Chris presented an overview of the plan to address LCB priorities and strategies for FY17 as well as priorities for the next 12-18 months. He discussed the importance of collaboration in leveraging resources, successful engagement, resource allocation, having the right members at the table, and the role of each agency represented at the Board with a single goal focus. Board members were split into three groups to discuss strategy:

- **Food Access** – Expand summer food access sites and increase community outreach and access to the Roving Radish. Strategies are consistent with values however there is ambiguity between serving youth and adults. The Board also discussed that we are making an assumption that the 11,000 FARMs students are food secure during the school year and that we need to more about who these students are in terms of age and geographic location. The role of transportation, location/distribution, and tracking referrals to avoid duplication were discussed. What will be the impact on food banks if we fill the summer gap? Lastly, the Board discussed the importance of tracking referrals and data to avoid duplication (or at minimum understand where the duplication is taking place) e.g. Summer Open Access Sites and Roving Radish.
  - Partners to be explored will include the school system, HC Community Office of Sustainability, business and faith communities, Food Bank, and possibly the Chamber of Commerce.
- **Equity** – The year of getting smarter. Increase community awareness of disparities in opportunity among youth in Howard County by commissioning a baseline report that examines and compares various data related to post-secondary achievement, chronic absences, juvenile justice, etc. and exploring the story behind the baseline and proposing strategies to mitigate inequities. The group also discussed what else is

happening in communities outside of school, jobs, and creating multiple pathways for youth to be successful and addressing social-emotional learning. The Choice program will target disconnected youth and is aimed at decreasing the achievement gap, however Choice is more downstream and we also need strategies that are upstream – prevention and early intervention/ investments in early childhood education. Role of the LCB in tracking data and information as it relates to equity. It's also important for the Board to understand what else is happening in the community around equity including with the HCPPS. Development of neighborhood based strategies, resource and asset mapping for specific issues.

- Partners to be explored will include Workforce, HC Library, Chamber of Commerce, faith community, Hispanic community, BSAP, and Alpha Achievers, Connectiones.
- **Mental Health** – This issue impacts 1 in 5 kids and cuts across all demographics. Training for Pediatricians and PCP's around these issues. Define and measure success by reducing youth stress; fewer inpatient admissions for psychiatric emergencies; increased affordable access to mental health services; training for early childhood providers; and reduced ER visits. Other issues include transportation to treatment, strategic location of services, capacity issue with providers and there needs to be a focus on data development. The group discussed proactive/preventative strategies, increasing the Mobile Crisis Team availability and reducing stigma as strategies to implement as well as strategic location of services and transportation to treatment. *Building Youth Resiliency* will focus on street outreach, positive youth development through relationship-building and harm reduction. *Strengthening Families* will engage kids that have incarcerated parents to plan for reunification.
  - How can we bring opportunities into the community in order to engage them in this issue in particular?
  - How can we equip current PCP's to identify and treat mental health concerns so that students can have them served with a provider that knows them rather than having to continuously go to the ER?
  - How can we take the strategies in this area and insert them in the other areas that are being implemented?
  - Partners to be explored will include Corrections, school system, faith community, and early childhood providers.

### **Operationalizing the LCB**

Kim discussed the work of the Board going forward, proposing the full Board meet every other month for two hours and establishing committees for the three priority areas plus executive committee.

- Executive Committee will take the lead on policy/communication related issues and will brief the full Board and bring appropriated items for vote.
- Full Board meetings will focus on strategy and decision making.
- Committee guidelines were established. Workgroups will meet monthly opposite the full Board for two hours and will be supported by LCB. Board members can appoint someone from their Organization/Department/Office to represent them on the

committees. The chair of each committee must be a Board member. Committees present recommendations to the Board where an official vote will take place.

- Executive committee will meet regularly.

### **Review County Code – LCB Bylaws and Structure**

LCB Bylaws and County Code were distributed for discussion of next steps.

### **Next Steps**

- Board will update Bylaws and County Code.
- Board will update membership.
- Executive team will redefine their roles and responsibilities.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 21, 2017**